FROM THE FIELD.

West Independence, Ohio.

I have been debating the question: Is it worth the space, the room, or the time of the editor, compositor, and readers of our church organ, to listen to the little I have to tell? While I have no wonderful successes to chronicle, I am also glad to say that there are no disasters. If we are not making great inroads in the enemy's territory, we are at least 'holding the fort' which is something after all. It is surely a good thing to snatch souls 'from the eternal burning,' but it is quite another thing to keep them from the devouring flame. These are the things in which I am interested, and by the grace of God, I desire to be able to say, 'of them intrusted to me, I have lost none.'

We are still firing away into the ranks of sin, but God only knoweth to what effect. At our last council meeting the brethren unanimously decided that your unworthy servant should continue to be their pastor for another year. This will be my third year in my first charge. When I came here, I had no idea of remaining more than one year, for I thought surely the brethren will have enough of one inexperienced at the end of twelve months. At the close of the first year's work, however, they asked, and I consented to remain, and the contract has again been renewed. I have become acquainted with my neighborhood and have learned to love it, and I pray God that I may be able to leave it better than I found it. Not that it was bad, but you know there is always room for improvement. I have spent my winters, thus far, in the school room, but with the beginning of my new year, this part of my programme will be stricken out, and my time given to my primary calling. You see the brethren have bled their pockets, and they do it cheerfully, and this is the result. May God bless; I know he will, for he loveth a cheerful giver. Now brethren, let us have a share of your sympathy, and your prayers, and we hope to see the borders of Zion enlarged.

We held a short series of meetings sometime since. We tried to find an evangelist, but just at the time we needed him, none could be found, so we began the effort with only 'home talent.' After keeping up for nine days, I could go no farther. Being in the school room all day, and preaching at night proved to be too much, and my health gave way from the double strain, and I have not fully recovered from its effects yet. After an intermission of two days our beloved Bro. P. J. Brown came, and the work was resumed. Bro. Brown entered the field and for one week astonished the people by clear and forcible presentations of truth. I need not comment further, for our brother is so well known that I cannot say anything that is not already known, and as for popularizing him, he is not that kind of man; he does not desire it. May God bless him in all his efforts for good, is the wish of my people. The meeting closed without any immediate accessions, but a number have promised to come soon. The membership, at least, was strengthened by the effort, and this is a point not to be overlooked. At the close of the effort, Bro. Brown delivered his California lecture, to a large and appreciative audience.

I believe I promised in my last to say something of Deshler and my work there. At the request of sister L. J. Beck, I went to the place in January and preached two sermons, looked around and became acquainted some, and came home. I went to them again and the prospect has resolved itself into this, four members, and quite a few sympathizers, among whom are some German Baptists. I hope to see an organization there ere long. I shall try to sow the seed; and look to the Lord for the increase.

My good friend Elder J. P. Ebersole is quite ill at present. He is an aged veteran of the cross, and has been an eyewitness to most of the successes and reverses of the Dunkard church for many years. He is now in his 84 year, and until quite recently has been remarkably strong. Though we differ in doctrine, we have been good friends since our first meeting, and shall be to the end. May God bless him and his dear companion, and all his children is my most earnest prayer.

MARTIN SHIVELY.

April 8, 1889.

Lanark, Ill.

Since our last report, two were baptized at Lanark. They were left over from Bro. DeBolt's meetings. On the 6th, I went to Nachusa, Lee Co.; held three meetings, and Bro. Edmonds and his wife were formally taken into the Brethren church. They used to be members of the Dunkard or German Baptist church. They are quite old in years, but they manifest a great deal of zeal for Christ and his cause. We now have five members in the neighborhood of Nachusa, somewhat scattered, with two more to be baptized. We enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. and Sister Parker, who live in the little town of Nachusa. They are noble workers for the cause, and with the faithful little band of co-laborers at this place, the membership will steadily but surely increase. The outlook is encouraging. Through the kindness of Bro. A. J. Blough, who is in the dental business, we called on one of Bro. Parker's daughters in Dixon. She once was a member of the German Baptist church; hope she may become a member of the Brethren church. Also made a few short calls in Franklin Grove. A grandson of Bro. and Sister Parker is quite sick. We recommend to the family the 'Great Physician.'

This is the place where Bro. Deitz preached last fall. May God be with the faithful little band in Lee county.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

April 9, '89.

Stauffers, Pa.

On Sunday, March 10th, I preached my last sermon for the Mt. Zion church for the year ending March 31, 1889. I had a good meeting and a very liberal collection, as a tribute of respect. I helped Bro. P. J. Brown organize this church in April 1888 with fifteen members. We now number some twenty, and hope to double our number during our present protracted meeting.

On Sunday, March 17th, we had our last meeting with the brethren and sisters of the Highland church, Washington County, Pa., for the year ending the 31st of March, 1889. And thus ended our labors in the above named churches for the year past. Arrangements have been made, however, for me to preach for both the above named churches for another year, commencing April 1st. No providential interference, we will move to Washington county the last of April.

On Sunday, March 31st, I preached my farewell sermon for the people of Jones Mills and vicinity. We had quite a good meeting. We labored for the Jones Mills church for three years, and confess that I was very loth to leave the place on account of the love and respect the people manifested toward me while among them.

On Saturday evening, April 6th, I commenced our protracted meeting at the Iron Bridge school house, Mt. Zion church, and have continued each evening up to the present date, April 12th. Several have come out on the Lord's side; hope many more may yet come before the meeting closes. We expect Bro. Smouse of Vinco, Pa., this evening to help us.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Eaton, Ind.

Our report of last week from this place was a little discouraging, but thank God we come with encouraging news to the many readers of the EVANGELIST now. We held the fort for two weeks, bombarding the enemy's camp. The result of our siege was that the membership at Eaton was increased by ten additions to the church, two by letter and eight by baptism. Four came out at our closing service on Monday night and were baptized, the same hour of that night, two young men and their wives.

It was as impressive a scene as I ever witnessed. A large audience was present and the rays of the moon and reflection of natural gas upon the water seemed to lend grandure to the occasion, and the best of all, the Holy Spirit was there filling the souls with joy. Many were made to praise the Lord. Hallelujah to the Lamb! One old mother in Israel of the German Baptist church could not quench the Spirit while her son was going in the bath of Regeneration. She was shouting victory that her prayers were being answered.

Satan must have trembled to behold such spiritual demonstrations. Our meeting closed with interest at high tide, and it is the old story repeated. Many are on the verge of coming. I hope they will soon under Bro. Rench's preaching. He is improving in his ministerial labors. Brother Rench is a young man and a young minister, but strong in the faith. May God bless him and the cause. He is attending school at present. It was our pleasure to meet Bro. Jeremiah and sister Holsinger from Oakville. They attended our service over Sunday. Praise the Lord.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

Bryan, Ohio.

April 10.—Our meeting here seems to be growing in interest. On last Lord's Day evening we preached to an overflowing house on the Christian's race, and at the close of the sermon, when the invitation was given, one came out on the Lord's side, and expressed a willingness to go with us. We do not expect a very large ingathering at this time, but we hope to do some good.

Bryan has a population of about five thousand and is abundantly blessed with churches. The town has been repeatedly canvassed this winter by the different denominations, so we cannot expect to do more, at this time, than to gather up a few missing crumbs. I am introducing and selling Bro. Mason's book in my field of labor, and it is giving very good satisfaction. I regard the work as a very able exposition of our doctrine. I like it for its brevity and comprehensiveness. Bro. Mason certainly deserves credit for the sacrifice he has made and the labor he has expended in giving us this noble work.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

Elkhart, Ind.

We have much opposition here by a clique of religious anarchists, who call all religious denominations 'Sects,' and claim that they have 'come out' of 'Babylon,' and that they are the only childedn of God. These fanatics have used every endeavor against us, even to geting up of slips and tracts of which the following is a specimen. [Slip] These they distribute every evening after the service. The self contradictory character of this thing is also a specimen of their theory—confusion and anarchy—yet they are ignorantly zealous as Saul was when he persecuted the church of God, or even as Baal's priests were. After we had been interrupted enough by these anarchists and would not hold the congregations to be bored by their speeches and criticisms, but dismissed when we were done talking, thy wrote to me.

The work is moving all the same. There were four baptised after the evening service last night. There was a great crowd of people on the banks of the Elkhart River to witness the moon-light scene and to their credit I must say, a more orderly congregation I never saw on such an occasion. Hardly a whisper was heard during the exercises. There will be some baptized today. Praise God.

J. H. SWIHART.

Parkersburg, W. Va.

Our meeting at Prosperity, is a thing of the past. Not seeing anything in the EVANGELIST from this part of the country, I thought I would give you a little church news. We agreed to hold a little meeting among ourselves at Prosperity, our home brethren doing the preaching. They held forth the word for some two or more weeks. We had a very enjoyable meeting, the church seemed to be very much revived, the brethren all working together in union and the immediate result was five came over on the Lord's side. Others were almost persuaded to be come Christians. May the time be very near that they will be entirely persuaded, at the close of our meeting we had a communion and Lord's Supper, which the brethren generly participated in which was a very enjoyable occasion. May the good work go on until the knowledge of the Lord may cover the earth.

JOHN SHOWALTER.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. Josiah Keim will soon enter upon his canvass for the College.

Bro. H. B. Lehman, of Marcus, Iowa, sends us ten dollars, payment of a note sent to the EVANGELIST.

Our esteemed young brother, J. E. Warner, writes that he arrived home from the College and found that all was well.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Bashor is suffering from a loss of his voice, and is obliged to discontinue his meetings at present.

Bro. P. J. Brown came to Ashland on Saturday the 13th, attended the meeting of the S. S. Executive Committee, and attended the communion in the evening.

The church at Homer expects to hold a communion on the 11th of May at 7 P. M. The brethren and sisters of adjoinning churches are invited to be with us.—H. S. Jacobs.

Our meeting here at Ashland passed off pleasantly, including the Lord's Supper, after the close of the 13th. Bro. I. D. Bowman preached several very edifying sermons during the week.

Bro. W. F. Herman, of Osterdock, Iowa, has been called to the ministry and is now giving his energies to the work. He informs us that the church in Clayton county is in a prosperous condition.

Communion meeting will be held in Fairview congregation, (about sixteen miles southwest of Lawrence, Kan.,) on May 18th. Services at 5 o'clock p. m. Brethren invited.—S. W. Metsker, Clerk, Echo, Kan.

Although the Louisville church has not reported for sometime, we are still alive. We are holding our own at least. A few weeks since two came out to be with us in church relation, and since one more and others are near the Kingdom. May God bless the work. JOSIAH KEIM.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner expects to go to Pleasant Hill, Ohio, next Saturday to commence a protracted meeting and enter upon his pastoral duties in that congregation. He will make monthly visits to the church, and will also preach a sermon or two for the Brethren at Covington.

The Executive committee of the S. S. Convention of Ohio, met at Bro. Kilhefner's last Saturday, and arranged for the coming convention, which will be about the middle of June. The date is not permanently fixed, as the one chosen is to be ratified or rejected by the church where it is to be held.

A number of our readers will be interested in hearing from Bro. S. A. Leedy, who is afflicted with cancer in his face. He recently wrote us that he is able to go about and is still preaching a little. But he suffers more or less pain all the time. He informs us that new members are coming to the church at Montevallo, Mo., soon. He sends greeting to Bro. I. D. Bowman, pastor of the Ankenytown church, his old home.

Dayton, O., Apr. 12.—The most important business transacted at our regular quarterly church council held at the residence of Bro. G. W. Folkerth Wednesday evening the 10th, was the election of Bro. Aaron Lucas to the deaconship, and the grateful acceptance of a donation of $11.64 to the Dayton City Brethren church fund from the brethren at Waterloo, Iowa, obtained through the solicitation of Sister M. Kate Miller. Many thanks to the donors as well as to the solicitor.—S. Kiehl.

Bro. S. H. Bashor will commence a series of meetings at Dayton, Ohio, in the Christian Church, on the corner of Broadway and Home Avenue, West

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